Please, Thank You, and You’re Welcome! (10 pts.)

*(the magic words, in any language)*

When you make new acquaintances, and even new friends, in your host country, it is important that you treat **everyone** you meet with respect and courtesy, in order to establish a good rapport (huh?) and to make a good impression as an American in your host country.

Here is your task:

**First, log on to:** [**www.survivalphrases.com**](http://www.survivalphrases.com)

**Second, select the language of your culture.**

**Third, find the lesson for “Getting What You Want” or search for “Please,” etc. (Lesson #1)**

**Then,** **download the PDF file to read to complete this worksheet below for homework. Copy and paste the worksheet onto a new Word document, and complete the questions. When finished with your worksheet, save it as “PleaseLastname” and save it to your flash drive. Upload it to the Wiki.**

**Finally, you need to complete the Audio recording file in class. See your Audio Recording File Instruction sheet for information as to how to record and upload an audio file.**

**So let’s get to the worksheet! Answer the following questions. Don’t forget to upload both your worksheet and your audio file to the WIKI when finished!**

1. How do you say “Please” in your host culture?

**Qing. You can also say please give me by saying Qǐng gěi wǒ.**

1. Are there any other ways to say “Please”? When are they used? List them here:

Qǐng gěi wǒ zhège.

Qǐng gěi wǒ nàge.

Theses phrases are used when you are near the object and you can point to it. They mean “I would like this or that.”

1. Are there any special situations where the word or phrase for “Please” can be used? (hint: check for “Quick Tips”)

You can use this anywhere you go to be polite or when you are asking someone like a vendor for an object.

***(continue on to do the lesson on “Thank you.”) ↓***

**Find the lesson for “Thank you.” (Lesson #2)**

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1. What is the expression for “Thank you.” In your host culture?

**Xie xie**

1. Name at least three situations where you should respond with “Thank you” in your host culture:

1. If someone opens the door for you.

2. When you leave a store.

3. When you receive some goods.

1. Are there any other special expressions for special situations? What are they? For example, are there sometimes when you need to be more respectful? Does it depend upon whether you know the person or not?

The special way/more respectful way to say this is wo hen gan xie. This is the most polite way to say thank you, and is often only used during special occasions or when someone does something especially nice.

1. How do you express a degree of thankfulness in your host culture (for example, “Thank you very much!)?

The way to describe a degree of thankfulness is duo xie. This means that you are especially thankful for what the other person has done/what you have received. It makes it stand out more to the other person.

***(continue on to do the lesson on “You’re welcome!”) ↓***

**Find the lesson for “You’re welcome!” (Lesson #3)**

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1. Is there a universal (appropriate for all situations) way to say “You’re welcome!” in your host country? What is it?

Yes there is. It is Méi shì. It is the most casual way to say it.

What are some of the situations where you can use it? (hint: check “Quick Tips”)

You can use it when you open the door for someone and they say xie xie, or you could use it if you light a cigarette for someone and they say xie xie.

1. Is there a more formal way to say “You’re welcome!” in your host country? What is it?

Yes. It is Bú yòng xiè.

1. What are any other ways to say “You’re welcome!”?

Yes. Bú kèqì.

***(Looking ahead: Your next lesson will be on how to introduce yourself and to ask for someone else’s name).***